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1. In March 1953, the Political Department of the Chinese Communist 35 Army reported at a meeting of the Chekiang Military District Command that its subversive program on Tach'en Island had been completed. In October 1950 when CH'EN Ou (7115/7743), director of the Chekiang United Front Department, and HUANG Fang (7806/5364), a member of the political committee of the 35 Army, first held a meeting of representatives of the Chekiang Public Security Department and Chekiang naval officials to discuss operations against Tach'en Island, the conferees decided to postpone military action and dispatch agents to the island for preparatory subversive work. In December 1950, HUANG infiltrated 40 agents onto the island, and during 1951, the 35 Army ordered three companies in the Chekiang coastal area to stage a mock revolt in order to identify themselves as guerrillas and so gain liaison with the island guerrillas.
2. In March 1953 the Chekiang Military District Command designated the 104 and 105 Divisions, 35 Army, and the 5 Public Security Divisions as the principal forces for an attack against Tach'en. A navy gunboat squadron based in Chekiang was to assist the attack. After 8 April these units were moving toward T'aichouwan (N 28- , E 121-). In late April, while awaiting attack instructions, these forces were blockading the coastal islands to prevent fishing vessels from approaching Tach'en and its neighboring islands and to eliminate contact between the islands.

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1. [REDACTED] reported that in February the Chekiang Military District was prepared to attack the Chekiang coastal islands and was awaiting orders from the Revolutionary Military Council to begin the attack. Two infantry divisions and two other regiments had been designated as the units to carry out this operation. 25X1X

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[REDACTED] Comment. Chinese Communist preparations for attacking the Chekiang coastal islands in general and the Tach'ens in particular have been sporadically reported for several years. From 29 May to 31 May the Chinese Communists did in fact launch a series of attacks against Chekiang coastal islands south of the Tach'ens, and there were indications that the Tach'ens themselves might be attacked. The 104 and 105 Divisions have been accepted in the Haimen-Wenchou area for some time, but this is the first report this office has received mentioning a 5 Public Security Division in Chekiang.

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